

- (f) actuating means for imparting rotation to at least one of said nip rollers;
- (g) first and second feed rolls of material each having a generally cylindrical core about which feed material is wound and [having support means for supporting said feed rolls] being supported for rotation in said respective first and second mounting means; and

- (h) pre-tensioning means associated with each of said [support means and said core] cores for selectively establishing a predetermined resistance to rotation of the rolls of material to provide the proper application tension for unwinding the feed material wherein said pre-tensioning means includes a tensioning cap affixed to said cores, said caps having an end plate engaging the end of the associated core and said plate with securement means engageable in said mounting means and further including biasing means for applying a predetermined force biasing said end plate into engagement with the end of said roll core.

Claim 5 (Twice Amended) The applicator and transfer device of Claim [1] 4 further including cut-off means located adjacent [the rear of] the nip rollers opposite the feed tray.

Claim 6 (Amended) The applicator and transfer device of Claim 1 wherein the axis of said nip rollers are parallel to one another and wherein the axis of one of said nip rollers is [forwardly] horizontally displaced relative to the other nip roller.

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Claim ~~11~~ (Twice Amended) An applicator and adhesive transfer device comprising:

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- (a) an upper frame member having opposite sides and a lower frame member having opposite sides, said upper frame member being pivotally connected to said lower frame member;
- (b) a first nip roller rotatively mounted and extending between the sides of said upper frame member;
- (c) first mounting means associated with the upper frame member;
- (d) a second nip roller rotatively mounted and extending between the sides of said lower frame member;
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- (e) second mounting means associated with the said lower frame member;
- (f) first and second rolls of feed [stock] material each having a generally cylindrical core about which the feed [stock] material is wound and [having support means for supporting said rolls] being supported for rotation in said
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- respective first and second mounting means;
- (g) pre-tensioning means integrally associated with each of said cores [and mounting means] for selectively establishing a predetermined resistance to rotation of the rolls of feed [stock] material to provide the proper application tension for the feed [stock] material, said pre-tensioning means including a tensioning cap affixed to said associated core having an end plate engaging the associated core and said plate having with securement means engageable in said mounting means and further including biasing means for applying a
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